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1. The Border Guard Barracks in Hidasnemeti is east of the railroad station on the road to Kosice. It was enlarged and modernized after World War II and now 1952 consists of a three-story building 20 by 30 m for command and offices; a one-story guardhouse, 4 by 4m; a three-story building 20 by 40 m, with magazines on the ground floor, quarters above; a three-story building 20 by 50 m, offices on the ground floor, quarters on the second, a weapons depot on the third; a one-story building 15 by 25 m, built in 1952, guardhouse and magazine; a one-story stable, 15 by 25 m; two underground munitions magazines. The complex can accommodate a battalion.
2. It is now occupied by a border guard battalion with the APO No 0243. The commander is Capt Laszlo Szabo, about 50 years old. The regime apparently has some doubts about him, as it transferred him to this place from the Austrian border. There are two political officers, one of whom is Lt Sandor Szasz, 25 years old, a violent Communist, hated by the men. There are two defense officers, one of whom is Lt Laszlo Toth, 24 years old, a strong Communist. The training officer is Lt Gyorgy Nagy.
3. There is a reserve platoon of 42 men, regarded as politically unreliable. It receives three hours of infantry training daily and two hours of political training. Three hours more are devoted to instruction in border guard work.
4. Under this battalion are: 7th Border Guard post at Kilkehaza Sig, 8th Border Guard post at Hollohaza, 9th Border Guard post at Hidasnemeti, 10th Border Guard post at Szemere, 11th Border Guard post at Krasznokvajda, 12th Border Guard post at Antal Major, 13th Border Guard post at Tornanadaska, 14th Border Guard post at Szogliget.
5. The battalion is under the border guard area command at Miskolc.
6. Each post currently consists of about 40 men. The posts along the Czech border are rather weak.

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